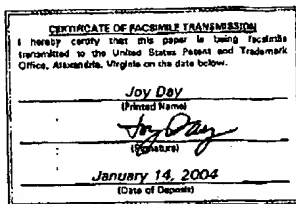


Atty. Dkt. No 252/123  
(037002-0205)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Hoch and Dartois  
Title: METABOLIC SELECTION  
METHODS  
Appl. No.: 09/557,796  
Filing Date: 04/25/2000  
Examiner: K. Lacourciere  
Art Unit: 1635

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

The extension fee for response within the third month is \$475.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even

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entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit  
Account No. 50-0872.

Respectfully submitted,

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